

Mayor's Message

🇺🇸 We are headed into the Memorial Day Weekend and although the weather does not look like it will cooperate, it is a time for friends and family to gather. It is important to remember that Memorial Day is not just about picnics and heading to the shore, rather it is a remembrance of those who have lost their lives fighting for our democratic ideals both here and abroad. The Green Village Fire Department will hold it's remembrance ceremony on Monday at 8:30 am and all are invited to attend. They really do a lovely job every year.

🏊 Colony Pool opens this weekend and will welcome both new and familiar faces. Thank you to the Colony Pool committee, our staff, Lauren and her crew and our DPW for getting things ready. And this year Colony will be hosting the Senior Picnic, something I hope can be an annual tradition for our students.

👏 With the new executive orders issued this past week, I am happy to report that our next Township meeting will be fully in person and residents are welcome to attend. Also our board and commissions can return in person. We ask that you remain considerate of others as we ease out wearing our masks recognizing that some may not be comfortable doing so. Our residents have done a great job getting vaccinated and I know we are all looking forward to some normalcy.

🌤 Although it may not be beach weather, it could be trail weather. Hillside trail is officially open and I would like to thank both John and Bob for pursuing a grant that allowed us to build this trail. Would also like to thank JCP&L for providing trees to plant, and the girl scouts and boy scouts for helping to plant and mulch the trees.

🏠 On the affordable housing front, thank you for all of the positive comments we received on the new building. For those who reached out about applications for the new building, we are about a year and a half away from building occupancy but we will share application information as soon as we have it. We expect for the site plan review to begin at the Planning Board on June 21st, which will be an in-person meeting. We encourage residents to attend.

👉 The Senior Center is increasing its programming and welcoming people back with both indoor and outdoor programs. Masks and social distancing will not be required for those who are vaccinated after June 4th. Julie Reich, who is the director, said that it will allow them to bring back card games, pickle ball, doubles ping pong and other activities.

👍 Finally, we entered May with 24 active cases of Covid-19 and for the past two weeks we have been holding steady at 20 cases. Our active cases continue to head in the right direction. If you are able to, please get vaccinated or take the precautions necessary to be safe.

😊 Have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend. Be well and be kind!

Tracy Ness, Mayor